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For : METHOD OF DRIVING A PIEZOELECTRIC TRANSFORMER AND
POWER SOURCE APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following document, which was cited in a Taiwanese Office Action dated September 18, 2002 for corresponding Taiwanese Application No. 90120071, to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,731,652 to SHIMADA, which issued on March 24, 1998.

Applicants note that the relevance of the above-mentioned document with respect to the various claims of the Taiwanese application, as well as the relevant passages of this document, is as discussed in the Taiwanese Office Action, a copy of an English language translation of which is attached hereto.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the patent document. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and is listed on a PTO-1449 Form, which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official

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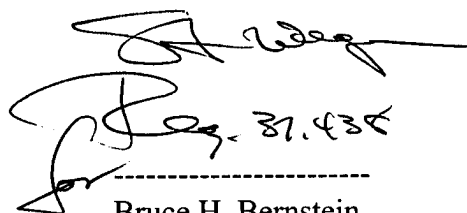
communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, Applicants herewith provides the appropriate certification to ensure consideration of the cited material.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), the undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "H. Nakatsuka", with a date "81.438" written below it.

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